

Washington, Dec. 4.—The following is a comprehensive synopsis of the president's annual message to congress:

remain in peace and friendship. Our declared aims involved no war against the Chinese nation. We adhered to the legitimate office of rescuing the imperilled nation, obtaining redress for wrongs already suffered, securing wherever possible the welfare of American life and property in China, and preventing a spread of the disorders or their recurrence.

his connection vexatious questions arose from the fact that through Great Britain's action in respect of neutral cargoes, not contraband in their own nature, shipped to Portuguese South Africa, on the score of probable or suspected ultimate destination to the Boer States.

For the final settlement of this question, the Cape says:—

Such consignments in British ships, by which alone direct trade is kept up be-

Still Waiting on the Sultan.
Of the claims against Turkey he says:
We await the fulfillment of the promise

those islands rests with the congress of the United States, I abstained from recommending at that time a specific and final form of government for the territory actually held by the United States forces and in which, as long as insu-

The Postal Service.
Under a discussion of the postal service he urges an extension of the run-

...the more effective maintenance of the principles of equality and justice upon which our institutions and happiness depend. Let us keep always in mind that the foundation of our government is liberty; its superstructure, peace.

WILLIAM MURKINLEY
Executive, Mural

Regular Naval Reserve.

The catafalque was draped with the national colors and the coffin was surrounded with floral tributes. At its head, on an easel, rested an oil portrait of the dead statesman; at its foot the sword he carried through the